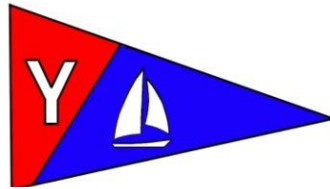


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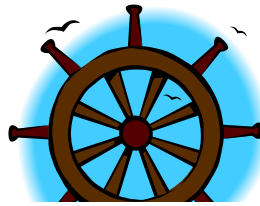
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Commodores Log

Hi Allya'all,

Well it's Summer and the livin' is easy right?

The Spring series has concluded with a bunch of familiar names on the leader board, Congratulations to all the participants and especially the winners...goodonya...

We are in the busiest month of the year from the standpoint of Volunteer Opportunities with the C-15 Regionals, a Portsmouth Regatta, the Bridge to Bridge Offshore Race, Toledo's Wooden Boat Show at which we have a booth and our monthly Potluck/Annual Pig Feed which is going to be on **SUNDAY AUGUST 19th** instead of Saturday evening,. This event will start in the afternoon and is a lot of fun with many visitors from different venues here to share their stories and listen to yours...

We are endeavoring to get two kayaks onto the docks for club members who have had the coastal kayak class or some other definable instruction, hopefully this will come to fruition this month, I apologize for the delay but sometimes things move at a rather Glacial Pace...

I have met with our insurance carrier and am in the process of updating our insurance requirements, it appears that we have been, and are, underinsured for some of our assets...such as the boathouse...so we are stepping up some of the coverage to cover some of these rather than be surprised when something happens. 2 of the Lidos have been sold, one is still for sale...they're goin fast so better jump if you want one...

There is still a need for people to become qualified on the Chase Boat. To enable us to facilitate the use of the portsmouth boats by the junior members, there needs to be a chase boat on the water during the race, we discussed an idea put forth to allow certain of the younger sailors who have been checked out in their Red Book from USSA to be allowed to sail without the chase boat on scene and as a board decided against it for safety's sake.

Hypothermia being the biggest concern, or accidental contact with the boat leading to injury...better to be safe.

An option here would be buying personal boats by and for the kids in question which removes the liability from the club but the concern over safety would remain...bottom line is we need the chaseboat and qualified operators.

The planning committee is wrestling with the design for the dock to replace the lost boathouse, we moved the existing boathouse to the East which yields a nice size space in which to place the dock and possibly a storage facility for the equipment for the 420's, Lido's, and Kayaks.

At present we are determining the flotation method we are going to employ and then it should be just a matter of building and launching...stay tuned for updates.

I hope to see you at the events scheduled for the coming weeks, and if not I hope you are and continue to enjoy this magnificent Summer here in Paradise...or elsewhere...

Keep the bright side up...

Paul

Race and Cruise News



It has been a great spring and summer! Spring series racing is complete, the fun race crew swap was a fun learning experience for all and summer series is now underway. Three boats cruised up the Yaquina River to Toledo to watch the amazing fireworks display and partake in the Toledo summer festival. At **least** two of those boats manage to find the river bottom along the way, but all went well and the report is that they got off OK.

We have a big weekend coming up this month with both the Bridge to Bridge and the Portsmouth regatta happening on the weekend of 18-19 August. YBYC will again be having its August monthly meeting and pig roast on Sunday afternoon to coincide with awards which this year will be for both events.

The Bridge to Bridge racers will actually be getting together Friday evening August 17 for their skippers meeting in Astoria at the new Astoria Yacht Club building that is still under construction. Then they will set sail for Newport in the morning with the start off the mouth of the Columbia River. Depending on wind and weather, the boats should arrive at the finish just outside the Newport jetty ~100 nm down the coast between late Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. The sailors really appreciate the YBYC warm welcome that traditionally includes hot towels and cold beers at the dock after being escorted in from the ocean. Awards are scheduled for Sunday afternoon and Sign up to help welcome these intrepid sailors on the sign up sheet at the clubhouse. Volunteers are need for clubhouse hospitality, meet and greet at the dock, and whaler escort.

Saturday will also be the start of the YBYC Portsmouth regatta. This regatta is open to sailing dinghies and will be the Northwest District Championships for the the Coronado 15 class. We are expecting at least 2 fleets, with the 420s joining the C-15s on the water, but more boats could sign up to race. Racing will continue on Sunday and should finish up just in time to join in the pig roast festivities. Volunteers are still needed to help with hospitality at the clubhouse, dinner for participants on Saturday evening and on the water help with committee and chase boat. Sign up sheet is at the clubhouse.

Should be a fun weekend of racing whether on the ocean or in the bay. Make sure to come on down to participate or hear all about the sailing even if you can't get out there. Remember the monthly meeting and annual pig roast will be on Sunday and the clubhouse will be open all day!

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The dog days of summer are here, and rather than a lazy time, the busiest weekend of the year is upon us. I hope everyone can make the general meeting on Sunday afternoon and get some of that delicious roasted whole pig that will be on offer.

Visiting friends will keep me out of the Bridge to Bridge race this year, but the weather is predicted to be good for a fast race so hopefully competitors will finish in a timely fashion, and have lots of good race story to share. There are lots of jobs that need doing this weekend if you want to volunteer some time.

Wednesday racing is into the second of two very long series, and the excitement continues with lots of close calls, near misses, and occasional boo-boos. It's all fun, but maybe some longer distance, non-spinnaker, casual races on weekends would be a more relaxing addition/alternative for some of us? Anyone interested could post on the Google group, or just respond to the poll.

The Toledo Summer Festival raft-up at the end of July was a small but fun group consisting of *Hispaniola*, *Grinner*, and *Alchemy*, with a few folks joining us via land-based transportation. There are now several brand-new 40-foot slips available besides the older 20 footers, and there would have been room for every boat in the club, and then some. We were the only three boats there to enjoy what was probably the best possible view of the best fireworks show I've ever seen. It was like a 20 minute finale, directly overhead.

Hope everyone is having a great summer and getting in lots of sailing or some kind of water-based fun while the weather is so perfect.

Fair winds,
Mike F.

Board Bits



The YBYC board met on 8/7. Here is a sample of their workload:

Another keelboat has been offered to the club, but was deemed inappropriate; insurance on the club's fleet was reviewed; purchase of additional kayak equipment was approved; involvement with OBF through sailing classes was discussed; club's information brochure is being updated; clubhouse rental issues were addressed; August events are fast approaching: Portsmouth regatta, C-15 championships, Bridge 2 Bridge race, Toledo wooden boat show all happen simultaneously! Lots of help is need... there are many opportunities to do rewarding and fun work for your yacht club.-Alice McNamara



August Meeting

August 19th

To coincide with the Bridge to Bridge Race
Pig Roast-3:00
Please bring a salad or side dish.



Quote of the Month

“Any fool can carry on, but a wise man knows how to shorten sail in time.”
Joseph Conrad

Sailing News from ‘Round the World



Our Olympic Sailing Team

At the Helm: I Stand By My Team

Posted on [August 9, 2012](#) by [USST](#)

1936 was a long time ago. The Olympic Games were in Berlin, under the watchful glare of Adolf Hitler. The Games was basically a huge Nazi party rally. Jesse Owens pissed off his hosts by being outstanding. And it was also the last time the USA failed to win a single medal in the sailing events. It's a fact, so let's just get it out there, and acknowledge reality.

Our team wanted to come here and make some history. We just had a different kind of history in mind.

We're going to be asked the same question over and over for the next couple of months: why and how did this happen? Some will be asking because they are proud of our team and they want to see this program succeed. Others will be asking because they love to lob criticism from the sideline, and love to comment on failure.

At this point, this is all I know: the team competed with dignity and represented all of us well. These people were great ambassadors, and they competed hard, every day. But it just didn't happen. Some of it was bad luck, as we all know there can be in sailing. Some of it was bad timing; had Finn's been in the lighter wind of the second week, or 470women been in the heavier air of the first week, the outcome may have been different. And no analysis would be complete without an acknowledgment that we have to look at our performance program. Are there things we can do better there? It would be arrogant to suggest anything to the contrary.

I'll admit that I just didn't see this one coming. We came into these Games thinking we could legitimately compete for a medal in several events, and in a few others, we felt we had some version of "a chance," if things fell our way. Never in my wildest dreams did I think EVERYTHING would fall our way, and that we would win 5 medals or more. But it was equally unexpected that we would strike out across the board, and come home with zero.

So, yes, I am shocked.

So, here is we will be doing in the short term. We are going to face the scrutiny with heads high, eyes wide open, and confidence intact. There are going to be lots of questions and we will answer them all. We will not shrink from this. We can't, and won't, try to spin this. But we also won't be rubbing any gravel through our hair, begging forgiveness or apologizing for everything. We did a lot of things right. But not everything.

And then right away, I'll be working directly with my successor, Josh Adams, on a process to gather feedback and input from a lot of sources, as Josh begins crafting our strategy for 2016.

The only thing I won't tolerate is a bashing of our sailors. Did they all sail their best? I would argue that none of them sailed to the best of their abilities. But I know for sure that all of them gave it everything they had. They were healthy. They were rested. They were well-practiced. We spent a ton of time here. These 16 people all earned the right to be here, and they are all Olympians, for the rest of their lives. They all represented us well, and were outstanding ambassadors for the United States of America.

I'm proud of this team. I'm proud of our program. I'm proud of the progress we have made over the last four and eight years. I'm not proud of these results, but we will look closely at what happened, and we will do our best to be better next time.

I like my team. I stand by my team.

Dean Brenner, Team Leader

Celtic Magic

A great time was had last month as Rebecca Lomnicky, David Brewer and Peter Willis entertained us with Celtic music of the highest order. There was an abundance of Guinness stew, bangers and mash, and grog. Thanks to Donna, Cindy, Mac, and all who helped. A special thanks to Mac for his fine efforts. As you can see below, our monthly meetings/potlucks are about fun *and* teamwork as Cindy, Alice and others work away in the kitchen. Thanks to Greg and Donna for the photos.



Flotsam and Jetsam



- ✚ Remember you can make a *tax-deductible* donation through the Oregon Boating Foundation. The money is used to provide community boating education and all donations are greatly appreciated. For monetary or other donations please contact OBF Chair Dan Van Calcar.
- ✚ The club has a fleet of sailboats available for club member use. These include Lidos, 420s and a small keel boat. These boats are fun to sail and explore Yaquina Bay. Check the Member's Handbook or with the YBYC Fleet Chair Tom Mcnamara at ; <mailto:mcntm@msn.com> for details on vessel use and to make reservations. Reservations are posted online on the club's website <http://www.yaquinabayyachtclub.org> under the 'Calendar' tab.

Wednesday 420 reservation website-

<https://spreadsheets0.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?hl=en&key=tZvTrAppsstef-nGGCMmWDA&hl=en#gid=12>

- ✚ Don't forget to use our Yahoo group site at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ybycgroup/> It's the best place to keep up on club and member activities, chat and exchange info with fellow members. You can also read Board minutes. **The Club also has a Facebook page, check it out!** It's updated frequently so you can be sure to keep abreast of club activities.
- ✚ **Ships Store-** Please do not forget to check out all the fine items at the ships store. Not only are you buying quality merchandise you can use, but it helps support the YBYC!



Editors Corner

Greetings:

Paul and Mike did a fine job of letting everyone know what is going on during this busy time. I hope for good weather and attendance at the various events.

I am an Olympic junkie. I have always been one. I am disappointed that we brought home no medals in sailing or kayaking. Perhaps a YBYC representative will help us do better in the future. I do take away a couple of remarkable stories some may have missed. Kim Rhode became the first American to have won individual medals in *five* straight Olympics. She is a skeet shooter and hit 99 out of 100 in the finals. 17 year old Claressa Shields won gold in women's boxing in its first year in the Olympics. She hails from the very downtrodden city of Flint Michigan, and successfully carried the weight of an entire city on her shoulders. But we should not just celebrate the winners or *our* athletes. We celebrate and salute the spirit of competition, just as we will be doing Sunday and in every race to come. Cheers, Jeff

Member-2-Member Network

Have you ever needed a carpenter, cabinet maker, tile setter, tire company and didn't know who to call? Ever needed to have an item on your boat or home repaired, but had no idea where to call? Rather than calling a stranger or looking in the yellow pages, **call another YBYC member!** Every member who runs a business or performs a service is encouraged to signup. It's totally FREE to members! Non-members pay a nominal fee. Want to get yourself listed? Email the YBYC newsletter editor at jcressy@charter.net with your listing information. We need to support our climate. Please consider doing what you can.

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